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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
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January 29, 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: U. S. Policy on Outer Space

REFERENCES: A. NSC 5814/1  
B. NSC 5906/1, paragraph 63  
C. NSC Action No. 2114  
D. NSC 5918  
E. Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary,  
same subject, dated December 28, 1959  
F. NSC Action No. 2174

At the Joint Meeting of the National Security Council with the National Aeronautics and Space Council (designated as the 431st NSC Meeting on January 12, 1960), the Statutory NSC Members, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Director, Bureau of the Budget, the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, the Director, National Science Foundation, the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, and Dr. Detlev W. Bronk and Dr. J. T. Rettaliata, Members of the National Aeronautics and Space Council, adopted the statement of policy on the subject contained in NSC 5918, subject to the amendments set forth in NSC Action No. 2174-b.

The President, on January 26, 1960, approved the statement of policy in NSC 5918, as amended and adopted by NSC Action No. 2174-b; directed that it be circulated for implementation by all appropriate Executive departments and agencies of the U. S. Government as a National Aeronautics and Space Council paper but not as a National Security Council paper; and referred it to the Operations Coordinating Board as the coordinating agency, with the understanding that the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, will be invited to participate with the Board on this subject.

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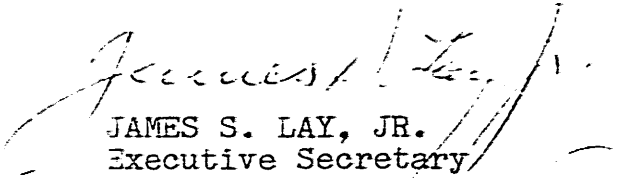
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The enclosed report by the National Aeronautics and Space Council on "U. S. Policy on Outer Space", as adopted at the above-mentioned joint meeting of January 12, 1960, and approved by the President on January 26, 1960, is transmitted herewith for the information and guidance of the National Security Council. The enclosure supersedes NSC 5814/1 ("Preliminary U. S. Policy on Outer Space").

The President, in approving NSC 5918 as amended, also rescinded NSC 5520 ("U. S. Scientific Satellite Program") and NSC Actions Nos. 1656-b, 1713-b and 1799-b relating thereto.

  
JAMES S. LAY, JR.  
Executive Secretary

cc: The Secretary of the Treasury  
The Attorney General  
The Director, Bureau of the Budget  
The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission  
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
The Director of Central Intelligence  
The Special Assistant to the President  
for Science and Technology  
The Director, U. S. Information Agency  
The Director, National Science Foundation  
The Administrator, National Aeronautics  
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